

CHINESE PICTURES OF THE FOREIGNER.
(*Pail Mall Gazette.*)
The position of affairs in China at the present moment is very doubtful, and may prove serious. There can be no question that the Tientsin massacre was but a symptom of an ominous

against all foreigners, which is carefully fostered by a powerful party in that country, who spare no effort to poison the minds of the population and are relentlessly using that formidable weapon, religious enthusiasm, to compass their ends. If these attempts are successful, the Tientsin tragedy may one day be repeated on a larger scale, and the position of every foreigner

"It is therefore of some importance to ascertain, if possible, who are the instigators of the movement, to what class they belong, and the

out of the Tientsin massacre on the 21st of June of last. With this document—(warning the Western Government to place no confidence whatsoever in Chiang-How, whom it is proposed to send on a mission to Paris, on the ground that Liao was himself seriously implicated in the massacre) and pointing out that the Imperial Government was so far from punishing the real criminals, but was merely beheading a number of innocent persons

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Their churches and chapels are defaced by
 the most horrible crimes. The office of priest
 is degraded and the celebration of the
 sacraments and the perpetration of the
 most odious crime —
 In case of famine, the priests, who
 have silver and bread from the
 'house, and the corpse put into the coffin with
 closed doors. Both eyes are shortly taken
 out, and the body is thrown into the
 street, and the eyes are used for the
 same journey. They also enclose the head
 in a bag of red cloth, which prevents the
 eyes from being seen in called "red
 bags." The priests regard those as rebellious
 against the authority of the Church, and a
 crowd of men to their dwellings to insult them
 every day. The priests are also
 against the entering the religion are demanded
 bank with interest. The reason for extracting
 the eyes is this. From one hundred pounds
 of silver, and the remaining two pounds of
 can be sold at the original cost. But the only
 way to obtain this silver is by compounding the
 foreigners are of no use for this purpose.
 Hence they do not take on those of their own
 people, but only those of the Chinese. This
 religion has been propagated here. There
 never been discovered by any of the natives
 Christians during the long period in which the
 religion has been propagated here. There is
 spreading some chemicals over the surface of
 the earth. The practice of this art is very
 tire, and sometimes the eyes are very
 But the want of all that they are able to
 impart a magical power to water to cause

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These they use to terrify their enemies. The many, however, be dissolved by heating a gallon or by discharging large guns at them. The may also be dissolved by spouting water over them." It must, be confessed; there is an element of truth in this. Our army does not rely chiefly on paper; but whether we shall succeed in "transforming them into real men and horses" remains to be seen. From a "Report of Widely Prevalent Outcasts" we learn that "all the barbarians learn the Tien-shu religion." They all ignore the natural relations, and other respects are like beasts. The vilest of all is the Greek sect, which is but a branch of the Tien-shu religion, and is prevalent in Persia and England." Then follow some details

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